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'Erin Go Bragh' Day (March 17) is ripe in the Valley of the Moon

Yep, ol' St. Pat's day comes up Sunday, and the Irish and all lovers of the Emerald Isle will be celebrating. And come next Wednesday, March 20, spring will officially arrive. It's practically spring already, though some of the mornings of late have been on the snappy side. But you should see the work being done in home gardens all over the Valley!

The poor relations between a man and his wife are often his or hers. VALLEY WATCH REPAIR, Boyes Springs. Really experts!

And on St. Patrick's day (maybe he was an Irisher, though many claim he was French or Flemish or a half dozen other nationalities), Denny's COG club will observe the day by serving corned beef and cabbage all afternoon and evening. You're invited. Sonoma Valley Improvement club is serving a similar dinner the evening of March 16 (Saturday) at its Mountain avenue clubhouse.

DOTTIE'S CAFE (formerly Chicken House). On the highway, in Boyes. Fried chicken. Hamburgers (finest in town). Good coffee!

Personally we have a fond affection for corned beef, but hate cabbage. What to do! It doesn't seem to be as popular a dish here as back in the midwest—the plain beef, we mean. In Chicago and St. Louis (probably many other cities), many an eatery makes a specialty of hot corned beef sandwiches. Businessmen hurry from their offices to the little bistros, get a thick slice of corned beef on rye, and eat it along with a glass of beer. That's really a lunch!

OUR RESORT, El Verano. Home of draft beer and the Stein club. Harvey and Melina will serve you, and you'll like it. Mixed drinks.

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El Verano Improvement club had a housewarming last week Friday night at its new clubhouse across the street from Little Switzerland. There was plenty to eat and drink, and new Supervisor Carson Mitchell and former Supervisor Jim Lyttle were on hand to greet the members—some 100 in all. Fred Franklin is president and was a genial emcee.

RUSTIC INN, Glen Ellen. Main corner. Authentic western atmosphere. Jack London's favorite tavern. Last of the 11 old-timers.

How would you like to live here if 300,000 starving and freezing refugees swarmed into the Valley? That's about what it is like in the Gaza Strip—which is 26 miles long, 5 miles wide, just about like the Valley of the Moon. Though one side flanks the Mediterranean, the other is desert country. Really a grave international problem that's taking a long time to settle (if it ever gets settled), what with the racial animosities that have existed since long before the Christian era.

POWDER BOX BEAUTY SHOP, Arnold Drive near Eldridge. A modern shop, experienced operators. For appointment call 8-2673.

While our "Colonel" title is largely synthetic, we actually do have a signed commission and ID card from the Confederate Air Force. How'd you like to become a colonel in, say the California State Constabulary, with all the official papers to prove it? Think we may start such a group, with maybe a membership fee of $1. Anybody interested? Start sending in your dollars. It might be fun!

BANCROFT'S, Sonoma, on Broadway. Cut flowers, corsages, bouquets for hospital, funerals, and parties. See us for nursery plants.

A man should not go around with a married woman until he can go two rounds with her husband.

VALLEY OF THE MOON CIGARS—Union label, handmade right here at home. Superior quality always. Most dealers have 'em.

Several persons have asked us (and we like to believe they were serious) why we don't run for a public office. Good question. But if we did you'd have to swallow our platform, which would be just about the most "liberal" you ever heard of.

We'd be working for limited and controlled gambling. There'd be church and lodge bingo games; complete publicity of all governmental meetings; strictest economy in government; a right to work law; immediate construction of dams in the Valley; immediate development of small boat harbors and all recreational facilities; roadside parks; overhaul of our county system of road building and mainten-

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ance—and a lot more planks that would get about 50-50 approbation and disapproval.

MANCUSO WINES, Glen Ellen. Grower-produced. Available at every retail outlet. As good as the best, and better than most.

News: First park or waiting bench we've seen in town is now in service at the Boyes Springs Food Center corner. Should be more around town.

ELECTRONIC DRIVE-IN— TV and Radio—Specializing in Auto Radio. 736 West Napa St., Sonoma. Kraft and Castori. WE 8-4839.

For three nights our TV set was on the blink—good sound, no picture. Rather frustrating listening to but not seeing Desi and Lucy, Spring Byington, Ozzie and Harriet, Howard Barlow, and the many other good programs we've missed. Still had radio, but that just doesn't quite come up to TV in many, many ways.

BROADWAY CAFE, Sonoma. Where we welcome you wholeheartedly. Friendly cusses. Off-sale, too. Let's get acquainted.

Got a letter from the journalism department, University of Kentucky, at Lexington. We're told our Moonbeams has been passed around among members of the teaching staff, and now one of its little articles is being used by the class in etymology. How Moonbeams' fame is spreading!

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Dan Ruggles is a member and often participates in meetings and recitals of the California Organists' Guild. We never belonged, but were a member of the National Guild of Former Pipe Organ Pumpers. And had actual experience behind us.

Pipe organs 'way back got their air supply through bellows, which had to be "pumped" by someone behind the scenes. Now they are operated with motors. Quite a trick to keep the exact amount of air in the complicated apparatus. If you got up too much pressure, the thing was likely to break somewhere. Not enough and the organ sounds might dwindle and slowly disappear—something like a phonograph (the old type you had to wind up) running out of wind up.

MAC DONALD'S JEWELRY, Sonoma. Watches, Rings, Shavers, Bands, Jewelry. Expert watch-clock repair service. Quality always.

Postoffice Story: The proprietor of a small store in a little Sonoma county town was appointed postmaster. Months went by but no mail came from the new postoffice. Officials wired for an explanation. In due time they received this terse reply: "The bag ain't full yet."

MIKE & ROSE'S BOYES SPRINGS STORE. For the finest steaks and your everyday meats, you'll never find a better market.

EL DORADO HOTEL, Sonoma. Italian meals at their finest. American dinners too. Old West atmosphere. Cocktail bar. Try us.

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Don't know for sure whether we got mad (it has happened before). But the other night, at 12:26 a.m., just after we had entered slumberland in a big way, the shrill ring of our phone brought us away from there fast.

"This Colonel Little?" Yep.

Sounds of two coins dropping, and "Hey, George, here he is!"

"We've got something we'd like you to settle for us!" O.K.

"Sorry to get you out of bed. But can you tell us where Ernie Pyle died?"

We knew it was Okinawa, told 'em so, and was properly thanked.

But, honestly, we didn't get back to sleep for two hours!

LEE STARRETT, Masseur, at Bathhouse, Boyes. Massages, slenderizing. You'll look and feel better. Make it a habit.

FRIBERG DRUG STORE, So. Broadway, Sonoma. Prescription specialists. A super drug store, large stocks. Soda fountain, too.

And during that interim, we had the radio on. Two stations we know of play music all night—the so-called "popular" stuff. Turned one on. "Moonlight Gangster" was the song. Switched immediately to the other all-night station. And just coming up was "Moonlight Gangster." So switched to a classical program for a while before returning to the otherwise most always good stuff in the popular class.

Only piece of music we can think of worse than "Gangster" is "Young Love." And what d'ye know—it's been leading the hit parade for far too many weeks.

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JIM'S MEATS, at Boyes Springs Food Center. Only the very best in stock. Cut to your order. Delicatessen department. Drop in.

The former Chicken House is now Dottie's Cafe. It once was Lew's cafe, at Valley drive and Hawthorne street, Boyes. Dottie really is Dorothy Clemens, well known throughout the Valley for her excellent meals and gracious service. Dottie says her specialties will continue to be fried chicken and the classiest hamburgers in town. Why not drop in and find out for yourself?

B & L LAUNDROMAT, Fetters. Bring your laundry here regularly for fast service and small charge. Wash. Dry. Iron.

SONOMA MILL & LUMBER CO., Hiway 12 at the big curve. Super service for contractors, carpenters, home owners, ranchers.

Wife: "Before we were married you gave me the loveliest presents. Do you remember?"

Hubby: "Yes, dear, but who ever heard of a fisherman giving bait to a fish after he caught it?"

SONOMA GROVE, Hiway 12 south of Boyes. Italian dishes our specialty—but also steaks, poultry, roasts, seafood—everything!

From our newspaperman friend down in L.A. we got this:

"You know, of course, the definition of a farmer? A man who's outstanding in his field!"

Walt also inquired as to our fate in the big puzzle contest, where we fully expected to win $5000. Well, we were an also-ran, and finished nowhere. Only on the tie-breakers they changed the format and instead of it being a test of your knowledge of geography, you just got into a guessing contest.

SONOMA GOLF & COUNTRY CLUB, Arnold Drive. You'll like our Clown Room. Bring your guests here, for outstanding prestige.

RICHFIELD SERVICE, Boyes Springs. Center of town. Fast and efficient service. Accessories. Bud Delaney, Proprietor.

Have had a couple of letters—one from an Ohio school superintendent and one from a teacher in a nearby elementary school—commenting on our contention that school plants should be used more nearly to capacity, either by establishing a 12 months' school year or using the schools many more hours per day than as at present.

Neither correspondent flatly disagreed with us, but each added valued contributions to the subject.

In some future issues we'll publish portions of their views, and if we comment on them it will be because the subject is so important it justifies the fullest consideration, from all angles.

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TOWN HOUSE SUPPER CLUB, Glen Ellen. Wonderful cuisine. Exotic atmosphere. Music weekends. Finest cocktails. The Amantes.

The power of the press! Of Moonbeams! We commented two or three times on a fallen tree at Recreation park No. 1 on Verano road, how it looked bad and was so close to the roadway it created a driving hazard. The recreation commission heeded our complaint—the tree has been removed, and the whole neighborhood looks better.

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Surely as an answer to some statements we recently made regarding the ratio of administrative personnel to patients at the Eldridge state hospital, Director Dr. Thomas Nelson and Personnel Director Ken Clewett in local newspapers this week make a quite comprehensive report on all that is entailed in managing and staffing a state mental institution.

Their explanation and exposition is concise and somewhat enlightening, and backed by figures and opinions that carry weight. Several angles of the report could have been more clear, however, and one of these days maybe we'll find the answers.

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TODD CONSTRUCTION - ESTIMATING SERVICE. Subdivision Surveying. New location: Boyes Plaza, opposite Woodleaf.

Not really on a diet, but watch us lose 30 pounds in 30 weeks! Even have a bet with another heavyweight—that the one who loses the most poundage by June 17 gets a free dinner from the other contestant. Books are already being made as to the outcome.

BATES AND EVANS, Funeral Directors. Sonoma Valley's Pioneer Funeral Service firm. Serving families of all faiths since 1879. 691 Broadway Sonoma. WEbster 8-2686.

YELL'S ACRES NURSERY, Glen Ellen. Good time of year to select our prize winning Dahlia tubers, and other of our specialties.

Did you happen to see the Groucho Marx TV program of last week? Mr. and Mrs. Jim Nelson, who live on Arnold drive near Boyes, were on the program, and proceeded to give a good account of themselves. Incidentally they won $2100. Jim was publicity man for the Vintage festival last year. He told of his early experiences after coming to the Valley, and from them he wrote a book ("The Trouble with Gumballs") which has become if not a best seller certainly a popular number in the book stalls. Only neither of the Nelsons said a word as to where they lived!

DENNY'S COG CLUB, Boyes. Sportsmen's headquarters. Friendly service and companionship. Finest in mixed drinks.

WALTER GRUNERT AUTO UPHOLSTERY, Fetters Springs. Texaco station. Seat covers, floor mats, truck cushions, interior work.

FOR A BOUNTIFUL LAND

California has made good progress in the conservation of its wildlife and other natural resources. The planning of game preserves, the careful management of our fishing waters, the preservation of

scenic natural habitat and the building of access roads all have contributed greatly to the pleasure and the economic welfare of the state and its many visitors. Yet there is much more to be done.

National Wildlife week—March 17 through 23—is designed to create public interest in that important and needed work. All of us, even though we may never cast a fly into a chortling stream or take aim at an elusive bird, can benefit from a sound conservation program. And we can well afford to support in any possible what President Eisenhower has called our common objective—"a bountiful land for all the people."

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ROZARIO'S PALMS INN, Verano. A comfortable, up-to-the-minute hotel, for the discriminating. Splendid dining room, and bar.

THE PORK-BARREL POLKA

Despite the mounting flood of mail from taxpayers protesting the acceleration of federal spending contemplated in the 1958 budget, a good many senators and congressmen are singing "Roll Our the Pork-Barrel." For example, there's a $1.1 billion public works handout in the mill and the chorus from Washington is: "We'll pass it over a veto, if necessary."

But all is not close harmony for the open-handed gentlemen. Ohio's freshman Senator Frank Lausche created a niche for himself in the heart of every taxpayer the other day when he defied home state wrath and announced he would oppose a $5 million appropriation to stage the 1959 Pan American Games—whatever they are—in Cleveland. The senator bluntly told the irate mayor of Cleveland that the federal budget must be cut, and that he could not support for Ohio "something which I would oppose for another state."

Would that certain members of California's congressional delegation could find the wisdom and courage to follow Senator Lausche's example. We refer to those who, in a sort of reverse switch on the Pork Barrel Polka, are dancing to the tune of the public power lobby

and oppose a measure that would SAVE the federal government some $56 million and would bring in to local, state and federal coffers many millions more in taxes and revenue. That is just what the administration proposal of a "partnership" with private industry for the development of power facilities in the great Trinity river project would mean to the taxpayers.

It is greatly to be hoped that—as Lausche refused to do for Ohio what he could not do in good conscience for some other states—the confused members of our California delegation in congress will find on mature reconsideration that they CAN do for California something that will benefit our state and the taxpaying citizens of all other states.

PAUL'S RESORT, Verano. Favorite for banquets, group and family dinners. Splendid menu. Cocktail bar. Paul at the organ.

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A PROGRAM FOR THE SPRINGS AREA

A suitable name for the area, preliminary to incorporation as a city.
Solution of the water problem by building a series of dams on Sonoma river to conserve water, prevent floods, and for recreation.
Creation of a Jack London state park.
Complete citywide paving, curbing, and sidewalks.
A bank of our own.
A name for Highway 12 suitable for our new city.
Traffic and parking control in the entire area.
Better street lighting.
A local chamber of commerce, devoted to Springs area promotion.
Procuring of rural delivery and carrier service, from Boyes postoffice.
More facilities, use, and suitable names for local Recreation District parks.

Moonbeams is dedicated to the accomplishment of these aims. Maybe more will be added in the months to come. We can't do it ourselves, but with community cooperation they will be done!

And why don't you send Moonbeams to relatives or friends living back toward the east? $1.29 a year will pay for it, and they'll bless you.

Driving with one hand is dangerous and often ends up in church. Some will walk down the aisle and others will be carried.

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